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REFS: (A) AC/259-D/583, 31 MAY 77; (B) USNATO 3171,
DTG 121646Z MAY 77 AND (C) USNATO 4376, DTG 300940Z MAY 77.

SUMMARY. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES FORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF
REF A WHICH CONTAINS DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE, AND AGENDA
FOR THE 20-22 JUN 77 MEETINGS OF THE PATRIOT PROJECT
GROUP AND THE HAWK STUDY GROUP, AS WELL AS UK COMMENTS ON
THE STUDY GROUP TOR. WASHINGTON GUIDANCE REQUESTED BY
REF C NO LONGER REQUIRED. END SUMMARY.

1. TEXT OF REF A DISTRIBUTED ON 31 MAY IS IDENTICAL TO
THAT PROVIDED IN PARA 3, REF B, WITH THE FOLLOWING
CHANGES.

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- A. PARA 2 OF THE "MEMORANDUM BY THE DIRECTOR, AIR
DEFENSE SYSTEMS" NOW READS: BEGIN TEXT: AS AGREED BY
THE CONFERENCE, THE PROJECT GROUP IS TO STUDY A REPLACE-
MENT FOR THE NIKE/HERCULES SYSTEM BASED ON THE UNITED
STATES PATRIOT SYSTEM, WHILST THE STUDY GROUP IS TO
IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS TO REPLACE
IMPROVED HAWK AND TO PREPARE AN INTEGRATED PLAN FOR THESE

REPLACEMENTS. DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FORMER GROUP ARE AT ANNEX II, AND FOR THE PROJECT GROUP AT ANNEX IV. THESE DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE REFLECT THOSE COMMENTS OF A MINOR NATURE RECEIVED FROM THE ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS REPRESENTATIVES, COMMENTS OF A MORE SUBSTANTIAL NATURE PROVIDED BY THE UNITED KINGDOM ARE AT ANNEX V; IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE TERMS OF REFERENCE WILL BE FINALISED DURING THE FIRST MEETING OF EACH GROUP. END TEXT

- B. ANNEX I HAS BEEN CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

- THE FIRST MEETING IS NOW SCHEDULED TO BEGIN AT 1400 HOURS ON 20 JUNE 1977.

- ITEM IV OF THE DRAFT AGENDA NOW READS: "STATUS REPORT ON THE PATRIOT SYSTEM BY THE US REPRESENTATIVE".

- C. LINE 1, PARA 6, ANNEX II NOW READS: "6. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FOR THE PROJECT GROUP WILL..."

- D. LINE 1, PARA 5, ANNEX IV NOW READS: "5. ADMINISTRATIVE AND STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE STUDY GROUP..."

- E. A NEW ANNEX V HAS BEEN ADDED TITLED "UNITED KINGDOM COMMENTS ON ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW GROUPS ON FUTURE SAMS". TEXT OF ANNEX V IS IDENTICAL TO UK CHANGES REPORTED IN PARA 2, REF C, EXCEPT THAT PARA 7 CONCERNING "RELEASE OF INFORMATION" WAS DELETED. COMMENT: THIS TREATMENT OF UK PROPOSAL NEGATES RELATED REQUEST FOR WASHINGTON CONFIDENTIAL

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GUIDANCE IN REF C. US POSITION CAN BE MORE APPROPRIATELY PROVIDED BY US REPRESENTATIVE TO THE JUNE MEETINGS. END COMMENT.BENNETT

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